



### **WIN A GRANT FOR YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT!!**

Each year, on behalf of all property and casualty insurance companies of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriting Association (MPIUA) sponsors a Fire Prevention Poster Contest for all students in grades 6-8.

In appreciation for your help in promoting and conducting the contest, we have added a benefit to assist your fire department in fire safety and education. The towns who have the First, Second and Third place winning posters in the statewide contest will each be granted a check in the amount of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000, respectively, to be used for any equipment, materials, outreach, education, research and prevention efforts relative to the fire prevention/education initiative.

Enclosed is a packet of information for this year's poster contest. To help complement your fire prevention programs, beginning this year the annual theme of the contest will be **Fire Prevention Everyone/Everyday**. The county contest will begin October 1, 2008. All County entries must be received by coordinators no later than January 30, 2009. Rules are provided in the packet.

All First Place County posters must be received by MPIUA no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2009 in order to be entered into the Statewide competition. First, Second and Third place statewide winners will be announced at an award luncheon on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel. This luncheon will be attended by parents, teachers, principals, fire officials and county coordinators.

To those of you who were involved last year, we extend our sincere thanks. We ask those of you who were unable to participate last year to please make every effort to become involved this year. Our goal is to have every county in the State of Massachusetts participate in this contest. And remember, if your town places first, second or third in the statewide contest, you can win a grant for your fire department!!

Feel free to enlist any members of the community who may be interested in giving you some help. If you need our assistance or have any questions, please contact one of the following individuals:

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We thank you for your continued support of this program and look forward to working with you over the next year.

Sincerely,

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Sponsor of the Arson Watch Reward Program

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